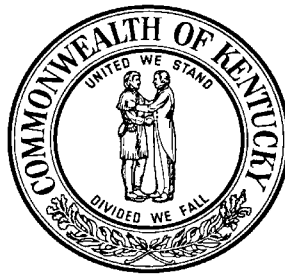


**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
UNION COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES**

July 9, 2002



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The enclosed report prepared by Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler, PSC, Certified Public Accountants, presents the Union County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes.

We engaged Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler, PSC to perform the financial audit of this statement. We worked closely with the firm during our report review process; Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler, PSC evaluated the Union County Sheriff's internal controls and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ed Hatchett".

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.
Auditor of Public Accounts

Enclosure



**AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
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SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES**

July 9, 2002

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
UNION COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES

July 9, 2002

Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler, PSC has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes for Union County Sheriff as of July 9, 2002. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

The Sheriff collected taxes of \$4,233,509 for the districts for 2001 taxes. The Sheriff distributed taxes of \$4,054,966 to the districts for 2001 taxes. Refunds of \$20 are due to the Sheriff from the taxing districts.

Deposits:

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Union County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes as of July 9, 2002. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Union County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

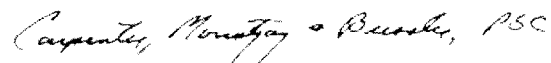
As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Union County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of July 9, 2002, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 29, 2002, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler, PSC
Frankfort, Kentucky

Audit fieldwork completed -
October 29, 2002

UNION COUNTY
MIKE THOMPSON, SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES

July 9, 2002

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Real Estate	\$ 356,861	\$ 352,445	\$ 1,520,227	\$ 485,527
Tangible Personal Property	116,952	102,684	498,214	350,012
Intangible Personal Property				92,170
Fire Protection	236			
Franchise Corporation Taxes	46,013	39,804	195,381	
Additional Billings	4,157	3,650	17,710	
Unmined Coal - 2001 Taxes	9,302	7,441	39,626	12,650
Oil and Gas Property Taxes	22,110	17,688	94,187	30,069
Bank Franchise Taxes	45,555			
Penalties	2,802	2,480	11,931	4,064
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt	(27)	(24)	(115)	41
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	<u>\$ 603,961</u>	<u>\$ 526,168</u>	<u>\$ 2,377,161</u>	<u>\$ 974,533</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	\$ 1,592	\$ 1,324	\$ 6,783	\$ 4,468
Discounts	8,187	7,834	35,007	16,279
Delinquents:				
Real Estate	13,869	11,693	60,521	20,645
Tangible Personal Property	4,451	3,514	17,509	14,952
Intangible Personal Property				577
Unmined Coal - 2000 Taxes	2,417	1,933	10,296	3,287
Uncollected Franchise Taxes	195	165	816	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 30,711</u>	<u>\$ 26,463</u>	<u>\$ 130,932</u>	<u>\$ 60,208</u>
Net Tax Yield	\$ 573,250	\$ 499,705	\$ 2,246,229	\$ 914,325
Less: Commissions *	<u>24,651</u>	<u>21,237</u>	<u>89,849</u>	<u>39,146</u>
Net Taxes Due	\$ 548,599	\$ 478,468	\$ 2,156,380	\$ 875,179
Taxes Paid	548,097	478,072	2,154,278	874,519
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	510	403	2,105	662
(Refunds Due Sheriff)		**		
as of Completion of Fieldwork	<u>\$ (8)</u>	<u>\$ (7)</u>	<u>\$ (3)</u>	<u>\$ (2)</u>

* and ** See Page 4.

UNION COUNTY
MIKE THOMPSON, SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2001 TAXES
July 9, 2002
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* Commissions:

10% on	\$	10,000
4.25% on	\$	1,977,280
4% on	\$	2,246,229

** Special Taxing Districts:

Library District	\$	(1)
Health District		(4)
Extension District		<u>(2)</u>

(Refunds Due Sheriff)	\$	<u><u>(7)</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

UNION COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 9, 2002

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of July 9, 2002, the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name, or provided surety bond which named the Sheriff as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

UNION COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 9, 2002
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Note 3. Tax Collection Period

A. Property Taxes

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2001. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2002. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was October 11, 2001 through April 30, 2002.

B. Unmined Coal Taxes

The tangible property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2001. Property taxes are billed to finance governmental services. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was December 14, 2001 through May 22, 2002.

Note 4. Interest Income

The Union County Sheriff earned \$1,759 as interest income on 2001 taxes. The Sheriff distributed the appropriate amount to the school district as required by statute, and the remainder will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note 5. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The Union County Sheriff collected \$17,270 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.430(3). This amount will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note 6. Advertising Costs And Fees

The Union County Sheriff collected \$2,496 of advertising costs and \$625 of advertising fees allowed by KRS 424.330(1) and KRS 134.440(2). The Sheriff distributed the advertising costs to the county as required by statute, and the advertising fees will be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the Union County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes as of July 9, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated October 29, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Union County Sheriff's Settlement - 2001 Taxes as of July 9, 2002 is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

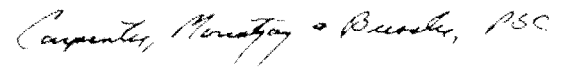
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Union County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance And On Internal Control
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

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